

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

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Emergency Order No. 1-SS-D-25-04

Issued at Sitka, Wednesday, September  
29, 2004

Effective        12:01 A.M. Friday,  
Date:            October 1, 2004

Expiration Date: December 31, 2004, at  
11:59 P.M. unless superseded by a subsequent  
emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all waters of Bear Cove east of a line between ADF&G regulatory markers located on the north and south shores of Bear Cove to the possession and retention of coho salmon by sport anglers from October 1 through December 31.

### REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 ACC 47. 021. (g)(3) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

(3) the Bear Cove Special Harvest Area, described as those waters of Bear Cove east of a line between ADF&G regulatory markers located on the north and south shores of Bear Cove:

- (A) Is closed to snagging; a fish hooked anywhere other than the mouth must be released immediately; and
- (B) coho salmon may not be possessed or retained; all coho salmon must be released immediately.

Kevin C. Duffy  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Bob Chadwick  
Sitka Area Management Biologist

### JUSTIFICATION:

Coho returning to Medvejie Hatchery are not expected to meet brood stock goals in 2004 due to poor ocean survival. Ocean survival of coho salmon returning to Medvejie Hatchery this year is estimated at 4.6%. This is less than the average (1990 to 2003) ocean survival of 10.5%. As of September 27, 2004, no coho salmon have been observed at the hatchery raceway. This closure of the sport fishery is therefore necessary to help ensure coho salmon brood stock needs at Medvejie Hatchery are achieved.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, Sitka Area Office, 304 Lake Street, Room 103, Sitka, AK 99835, (907)747-5355.